

Area II Town Hall Meeting

The next Area II Town Hall meeting will be held on Sept. 14 from 9-10 a.m. via AFN Eagle FM 102.7. Community members are encouraged to tune in and call in their concerns.

Seoul Word

Thought for the week...

"Take nothing for granted, for whenever you do, the joy of enjoying is lessened for you."
Helen Steiner Rice

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Lending a hand — MI soldiers reach out to community as teachers

By Stephen F. Pizzini

501st MI Bde. Public Affairs Office

According to The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language, "most of the scientific, technological and academic information in

the world is expressed in English and over 80 percent of all the information stored in electronic retrieval systems is in English."

For native English speakers, that's a comforting

thought. For others, that fact can be frustrating. But, for students at Sobinggo Elementary School in Seoul, help has arrived in the form of 501st Military Intelligence Brigade soldiers. One day a

week, volunteers from the unit head to the nearby school to tutor fourth and fifth grade Korean students in English.

Major Patrick Guzman, personnel officer for the 501st, spearheaded this tutoring program that began in June. He says the idea came from a similar program he had seen while assigned to U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, GA.

"I thought, 'wow, imagine how much more challenging to get something going on with our Korean friends,'" said Guzman.

The reaction of the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldier to whom he presented the idea gave him confidence that the program would be a success.

"Their faces just beamed with great big smiles," said Guzman. "Right then, I knew we had to do it."

With the program now in progress, KATUSAs continue to be enthusiastic.

"I enjoy teaching little kids," said Pfc. Lee Kwang-jae, "who have infinite ability to learn."

Guzman said that the goal of the program is to establish a partnership with the school that allows the students and teachers to exchange cultures and to strengthen goodwill between Koreans and U.S. soldiers. The program appears to be succeeding.

"Experiencing the average school day of a Korean child," said teaching volunteer Sgt. 1st Class Robert A. Wilson of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st MI Bde., "gives you a better understanding of the culture and the similarities to our society."



PHOTO BY SGT. STEPHEN F. PIZZINI

501st MI Bde. soldiers Spc. Sidney G. Cole and Sgt. Jun Hyun-moo interact with Korean students during a teaching session at Sobinggo Elementary School.

Looking forward to their weekly sessions, soldiers volunteer to participate and seem enthusiastic about the program. Staff Sgt. Putok Edwards of the 524th MI Battalion said that the toughest part of teaching is "when I can't make it to class because of other missions."

A KATUSA soldier, acting as an interpreter and teacher, accompanies each American soldier to the classes. Corporal. Jessica Dull of the 524th MI Battalion feels that the role the KATUSAs play is indispensable. Also, the team concept serves as an example.

"(The KATUSAs) help so much and we wouldn't be able to do it without them," said Dull.

"It also teaches the students that Koreans and Americans can get along, be friends and work together, which is an important lesson."

A kindergarten teacher before joining the Army, Dull said, "I am very happy with my decision to be a part of the military, but do miss affecting the lives of children. This gives me the wonderful opportunity to do both."



PHOTO BY SGT. STEPHEN F. PIZZINI

501st MI Bde. soldier Pfc. Lee Kwang-jae interacts with Korean students during a teaching session at Sobinggo Elementary School.

First SAC meeting helps DoDDS school athletics

By Renee Lee

Student Intern

The Seoul American High School Advisory Council held its first meeting and an open forum Sept. 4. According to Seoul American High School Principal Dennis Rozzi, "SAC deals with issues at the school level, that may or may not be dealt with. It is a board that recognizes action if necessary...there is open dialogue for parents to review

issues when needed."

The forum opened with general questions from concerned parents including those regarding the inadequate air conditioning system at the school such as in the gymnasium and the auditorium. Other questions concerned the service learning program, previously a graduation obligation for students, and parents' lack of awareness of general school information.

In a concerned effort to listen and work sports issues with the community, Dr. Bruce Jeter, DoDDS Superintendent, Korea District, solicited the community's thoughts on athletics in DoDDS Korea. Jeter, who has a strong background in sports including baseball and football, addressed the issue of why SAHS, unlike most American high schools,

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NEWS AND NOTES

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

A special Honor Guard ceremony in observance of National POW/MIA Recognition day will be held Friday, Sept. 21 on Knight Field, Yongsan Main Post. Former POWs and thier family members, and family members of military and civilain personnel still unaccounted for are invited to attend as special guests. For registration and more information, contact Mrs. deLeon at 723-4685 or deleonc@usfk.korea.army.mil

Soldier Show

The U.S Army 2001 Soldier Show is coming to Korea!! Don't miss it. See page 14 for a listing of dates and performance locations.

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Live Radio Townhall Meeting for Area II

By Col. Steve T. Wilberger

Commander, 34th Support Group and Area II

Do you want to make a difference in Area II? Then here's an opportunity for you to make that difference. Area II will hold it's first ever-live radio call-in Townhall meeting on Sept. 14 and you are invited to participate.

The format is a bit different from previous Townhall meetings where you had to physically meet at a specified location. For this meeting you need only tune in from 9 to 10 a.m. on American Forces Network Radio Eagle FM 102.7. Personnel residing on-post at either Yongsan Garrison or Hannam Village have the additional option of tuning-in on the Commander's Access Channel 3 on the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Cable TV service. The audio for channel 3 is provided by AFN Radio Eagle FM 102.7.

In the past few weeks and at different venues, I've asked all commanders in Area II to allow their personnel to tune-in at their respective work locations so they can participate in this radio call-in Townhall meeting also.

This new format allows anyone in Area II, to tune in and find out what concerns people have about living and working in Area II. Everyone whether at work or home is encouraged to listen and call-in concerns that have an impact on our area.

Take this opportunity to make a difference in our community!



Colonel Steve T. Wilberger

MP Blotter

The following entries were extracted from 2001 Yongsan and Area II Military Police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

A W-2 was charged with failure to de-register a guest. Investigation revealed that the service member failed to de-register his guest within the allotted twenty four hours. The service member reported to the PMO where he rendered a written statement admitting to the offense. The service member was processed and released pending action by his Commander.

An E-1 was charged with assault on

a law enforcement officer and drunk and disorderly conduct. Investigation revealed the E-1 was involved in a verbal altercation with a taxi driver over a fare. Upon arrival of the Military Police a strong odor of alcohol was detected emitting from the service member. When the MP tried to resolve the problem, the service member acted disorderly towards the MP. The service member was apprehended. During the apprehension the service member assaulted one MP by biting him twice and scratched him above the left eye. The subject was transported to 121st General Hospital for a LBAT and then transported to the PMO processed and released to his unit and is pending action by his Commander.

8th PERSCOM's Personnel Points

One of the most important functions of the 8th Personnel Command is that of Casualty Operations and Casualty Reporting. Located in the Theater Army Personnel Services Directorate you'll find Yolanda Lopez, Chief of the Casualty Operations Center. Coded as an Emergency Essential Civilian, she not only works the mission during peacetime, but trains through both Ulchi Focus Lens and Reception Staging Onboard Movement & Integration exercises ensuring preparedness to execute the mission during wartime as well.

Lopez explains that she and her small but highly dedicated and competent staff of four NCOs are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to prepare casualty reports, brief casualty assistance officers assigned to survivors and conduct the contingency operations of training subordinate units and conducting mass casualty exercises.

They also are responsible for monitoring and reviewing all Army Line of Duty Investigations. On average, they process about 175 LOD investigations each month. She states that it is often overlooked, but for the soldier, it really is important. "They might not care about having the documentation in their Official Military Performance Fiche now, but when time comes for retirement or any type of separation from the Army, the LODIs are the documentation the Veterans Administration will use to determine disability pay and benefits."

It's a huge business, that of the CAC. "It is very delicate and the issues of accuracy and timeliness are of the utmost concern. We want to be absolutely sure that a casualty is confirmed before notification, but we also want to ensure that the next of kin hear it from us, the Army, before hearing about it some other way." The business of casualty reporting involves liaison between Medical Treatment Facilities, Military Police, Unit Commanders, other CAC located throughout CONUS and OCONUS, the Red Cross, Casualty Memorial Affairs Operation Center and the DA Casualty

Operations Center in Washington, DC. Once a casualty has been confirmed, there are many required actions that must occur. Most of them are delicate in nature.

A primary concern is notifying the next of kin. The NOK is the person most closely related to the casualty. Usually the Primary NOK is a spouse, children, parents, brothers or sisters, etc. If a soldier is missing or deceased, the PNOK and SNOK as listed on the DD Form 93 will be notified in person by an Officer, Warrant Officer or Senior NCO wearing Class A uniform. These service members are well briefed on their duties prior to execution.

A Casualty Assistance Officer is next assigned to the surviving NOK to help settle the personal affairs of the deceased or mission soldier. The CAO is the NOK's last link to the Army and as such, this duty becomes the primary duty of the CAO. This duty can last up to two to six months or longer depending on the situation.

There are many things each MSC must accomplish when there is a death of a soldier. On Oct. 24, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hartell House, 8th PERSCOM is hosting 2001 Casualty Affairs Conference. Lopez states the purpose behind the meeting is to provide information to unit commanders to aid them should one of their soldiers become seriously ill or die. Agenda items will include casualty notification, mortuary disposition and escort, death gratuity pay and unpaid allowances, ID cards for survivors, SGLI and DD Form 93, veterans affairs, transportation of household goods, imminent death processing for very seriously ill, and an overview of line of duty investigations and requirements.

Overall, the 8th Personnel Command's Casualty Operations Center stands ready to perform their wartime and peacetime casualty missions and to ensure that soldiers and their families are provided the best information and service possible during the most difficult times and situations.

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NEWS & NOTES

We've got the money!

How do you think Area II could best spend \$500,000? The monies were awarded to the 34th Support Group as a result of the 2001 Army Communities of Excellence Competition. If you have any suggestions please email them to Laners@usfk.korea.army.mil or fax to 738-6925. Be sure to include all pertinent information (What-Where-Cost). For additional information call Russ Lane at 738-6922. Deadline for suggestions is Sept. 15.

Health Promotion Council & Suicide Prevention Council

Health Promotion Council and Suicide Prevention Council quarterly meeting will take place Sept. 13, 10 a.m. at 34th Support Group Bldg. 4305 conference room (room 107). Point of contact is Tom Bruce at 738-5171.

MP Regimental Ball

Military Police Regimental Ball hosted by the 8th MP Brigade will be held Sept. 22, 5 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. For more information call 724-6057/6305.

Update EFMP Record

Active duty members are required to update their Exceptional Family Member records every three years, when medical or educational data changes and when requesting a COT or requesting command sponsorship at an OCONUS assignment. For more information call 738-5311 or 738-5000.

Free Korean Language Class

Korean language class is offered for all military ID holders and foreigners. It will be held every wed. from Sept. 12 at the Moyer Community Activity Center. If you want to join the class call 738-7114 / 736-3320 by Sept. 7.

CIF change of operating hours

The USAMSC-K Area II Customer Service Point will change operating hours, effective Sept. 13 as followed: Turn-Ins: 8 a.m. Mon. - Wed. and Fri. Issue: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. - Wed. and Fri. CIF will be closed every Thurs. and on all U.S. and Korean Holidays. For more information call 736-7493.

Organizations Sought

The Seoul American Officers, Civilians & Spouses Club is seeking organizations interested in setting up an information table at their annual membership sign up. The sign up will be held Sept. 18 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. For more information call 736-3024 or e-mail saocschosp@aol.com.

MP wins sixty second shopping spree

By Krishna M. Gamble

Editor

All it took was \$20 and 60 seconds for Sgt. Dennis Pugh to wipe out more than half the beef section of the Yongsan Commissary Sept. 1.

Pugh, a military police officer with the 142nd Military Police Co., was the winner of a shopping spree sponsored by the Heroines of Jericho Willie Mae Myer Court # 83, Prince Hall Affiliate.

The 60 second shopping spree was the grand prize for a ticket raffle held in order to assist with the rebuilding of the Hannam Village Youth Center which was damaged during a flood in July.

"We've done this in the past and it's a good fund raiser, and it's fun," said Michelle Brown, president, Heroines of Jericho. "We are like the power ball for the commissary."

"I'm really proud and I came away with a lot more than I thought," Pugh said.

"My unit is going to have a cookout and I'm going to keep some for myself, so [the meat] is going to a good cause."

The clock began ticking at the ID card checkpoint of the commissary. As soon as he heard the word go, Pugh dashed down the fruit and vegetable aisle, made a sharp left turn and stopped at the beef section.



PHOTO BY SSG KRISHNA M. GAMBLE

It only took a matter of seconds for Sgt. Dennis Pugh to wipe out more than half the beef section at the Yongsan Commissary.

There Pugh grabbed beef steaks, London Broils, beef kabobs, beef stew and hamburger beef, leaving behind only the garnishes.

When assistant meat department manager, You, Sung Sop, walked by the counter, all he could do was shake his head as he began to restock the meats.

Pugh walked out the commissary with

more than \$365 worth of meat.

"The last time I went shopping, I walked through and looked at some items," Pugh said.

"After I found out I won, I came here talked to the manager and found out where things were. It took me 61 seconds to walk from the front of the store to the back, so I knew I had to [hustle]."

Renovation of sports fields to improve facilities

By John A. Nowell

Public Affairs Officer

Officials of Headquarters, 34th Support Group and Area II, announced that future renovations of Lombardo Field and several other playing areas are to begin mid to late fall.

Paul Robinson, director of community activities, 34th Support Group, said, "Lombardo Field, located to the west of Collier Field House, on Yongsan Garrison's South Post is scheduled for renovation mid-November and will become a complex of four softball/youth baseball fields

shaped in a "clover leaf" configuration."

It will have a centrally located concession, bathroom and field house facility.

"This complex can be reconfigured, by removing portable fencing [and converting them] into playing fields for soccer, standard tackle football or flag football use," said Robinson.

"Included in the project are all permanent fencing; bleachers; picnic pavilions (three each); grading, drainage, sodding and irrigation system; and lighting for Field #2, the primary softball/soccer field," said Lt.

Col. Daniel J. Worth, director of public works, 34th Support Group.

Each of the fields within the four-plex field at Lombardo will have individual lighting.

"The project has an 18-month construction period, with an expected completion date in the spring of 2003, which will be in time for the 2003 summer softball/baseball season," said Robinson.

Editor's note: *This article is the second in a series of articles to feature construction projects planned in Area II.*

See map on page 18.

NEWS & NOTES

U.S. Citizenship Workshop

U.S. Citizenship workshop is scheduled Sept. 26 at the ACS Outreach Center, Bldg. S-6107, Hannam Village. English Session is 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. and Korean Session is 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Call Dee Ross to sign up at 723-6721.

SAOCSC Welcome Reception

The Seoul American Officers', Civilians' and Spouses' Club will hold a welcome reception at the Dragon Hill Lodge Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from numerous clubs, organizations, schools and youth activities will be on hand to provide information. Come sample Korean and American cuisine provided by SAOCSC.

Seoul Computer Club

Seoul Computer Club will meet tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Seoul USO on Camp Kim. The topics for presentations are Virus Protection and Job Fair Information.

MWR Chess Tournament

MWR Chess Tournament will be held Sept. 16 at the Youth Services Center bldg. # 4211. Registration begins at Noon and game starts at 1 p.m. Registration fee is \$5 for adults and free for under 16. Prizes are \$100 for 1st place, \$70 for 2nd place and \$30 for 3rd place. For more information call 738-8130/4829.

AFTB Instructor Training

The Instructor Training schedules are Sept. 14, 15, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Community Services Building, bldg. # 4106. Sign up for free classes. Call to register for free child care at 738-3617. For more information call Adelle Kostur at 738-3617.

American Women's Club

The American Women's Club of Korea Kickoff Meeting will be held Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel, cost: 6,000 Won at the door. An opportunity to explore the many organizations and services that are here in Seoul and that can enhance your Korean living experience. Some organizations that will be there include: AMCHAM, FOCUS, Royal Asiatic Society, SIWA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Information on home delivery services such as newspapers, milk, juice drinks, etc., will be explained. AWC activities such as Trips and Tours, Bazaar and AWC Ball will be discussed. Come, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, get information and get involved.

Get to know about savings and investing

By Gwendolyn McCarthy

Financial Readiness Program Manager

Savings and investing are important financial objectives. If you do not spend all of your income, some of your excess can be set aside as reserve cash

Factors such as your age, number and age of your dependents, job security, spending habits, and additional sources of income, affects where you will place your money.

for future use. Your personal financial goals will determine which is the best place for you to put your money. Factors such as your age, number and age of your dependents, job security, spending habits, and additional sources of income, affects where you will place your money.

Individuals and families save for various reasons: major purchases; emergencies; vacations; minimize tax; retirement; capital accumulation; or general investment.



What Are Your Investment Objectives?

Major purchases? Emergencies? Vacation?

When choosing where to place your emergency reserve fund, you want to be able to have access to the money when you need it. Safety is also an important feature. Sources to consider are: Regular Savings Account;

Certificates of Deposit; Money Market Account; Holiday Club Account; Credit Union Share Account.

Minimize Taxes:

Investment sources for minimizing your tax burden include: Individual Retirement Account; Tax Deferred Accounts and Annuities; Deferred Compensation; Employee Pension Plans; Municipal Bonds. Seek the expertise of a tax advisor who is current on tax laws and changes influencing your taxes.

Retirement

Are you managing your financial affairs so that your retirement years will be pleasurable and secure? At what age do you want to retire? Will you have enough income to support your lifestyle when you retire? Retirement planning is necessary to make sure you can live independently during your retirement years if you choose to. There are many ways you can plan for retirement. A major goal of retirement is to have a steady flow of income after you retire. This may be achieved in the following ways:

- Employment earnings during retirement
- Social Security retirement benefits
- Individual Retirement Account
- Life Insurance Cash Value
- Other personal saving and investment
- Employer pension plan
- Tax deferred Annuity
- Deferred Compensation
- 401(K0 salary reduction plan)
- Thrift or Personal Savings Plan
- Keogh plan
- Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP-IRA) Plan
- Profit Sharing plan
- Employee Stock ownership plan

Military personnel will be able, starting Oct. 1, 2001 through January

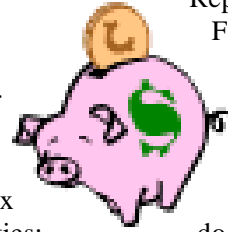
2002 to enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan. Check with your Unit Representative, local Finance or Family Service for information.

Establishing retirement financial goals is an important aspect of your daily life. These goals will help you stay focused. If you do not have any funds set aside, here are some suggestions:

- Start an allotment of \$25 from your pay, twice a month for the next 12 months, to a savings account.
- Place \$500 from this at the end of 12 months into a six months Certificate of Deposit.
- Continue to do this until you have set aside at least three months of your net pay.
- Start a retirement checklist and assess where you are with your savings and investment.
- Plan where you would like to be financially at age sixty.
- Make a list of how you plan to achieve your goals and put your plans in action.
- Constantly evaluate yourself to ensure you are staying focused.
- Talk with others who have done this before and are making a success of what they are doing.
- Be prepared for the unexpected but remain focused.
- If you have not done so recently, attend a Personal Financial Management Class, this will help with your goal setting and budget planning.

Your finance is your personal responsibility. Put your financial goals to work for you.

Do not get discouraged if you do not have enough money to get into some of the investments that are currently being offered. You have to gradually build your own financial program. Most of all, it is very important to know why you are saving. Then you can choose the place to save that fits your financial plans.



NEWS & NOTES

Essay Contest

The Korean Corporate members of AUSA is sponsoring an essay contest for soldiers stationed in Korea. The title of the essay is "Life in Korea" and the essay must be based on the author's personal experience in Korea. Essay Length is 1000-2000 words and Oct. 30 is the deadline. A brief resume of the author must be enclosed including full name, phone number, unit, and mailing address. Mail your essay to The Korea Chapter of AUSA ATTN: Mr. Petersen PSC 450, Box 389 APO AP 96206-0389. For more information call 723-6306.

Nurses Needed

Registered nurse positions available now at the 121 General Hospital, Woman and Infant Care Unit. Prior experience in labor and delivery, postpartum, newborn and gynecological nursing desired. Complete job description available on line at www.cpol.army.mil. Apply at the Civilian Personnel Office bldg. #4314, see Mrs. Kim Y.C, or Mr. Ken Stark.

Position Available

The American Red Cross has paid positions available for after hours duty workers. The primary duty is to provide 24 hour Emergency Communication Service between the servicemember and family back home. Application are available at the American Red Cross located on South Post, Bldg. 4278.

Commissary Case Lot Sale

Hannam Village Commissary Sept. 7, 8 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Area II will sponsor a Hispanic Heritage Month commemoration ceremony Sept. 14 from 3-5 p.m. at the Naja Ballroom, Dragon Hill Lodge. The public is invited to attend and bring displays for the program. For more information, call 738-5900.

EFMP Activities

1. Sign language classes are held at the Community Services Bldg # 4106. Sign up by Sept. 14. Call 735-7505/5311 for more information.
2. Back to School BBQ will be held Sept. 15, noon - 3 p.m. at Picnic Area #7, in front of Collier Field House. RSVP at 738-7505 by Sept. 7.

Camping lanterns recalled due to fire hazard

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

WASHINGTON -In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Wenzel Co., of St. Louis, Mo., is voluntarily recalling about 290,000 propane-fueled camping lanterns.

An insufficient connection between the lantern and the propane cylinder can allow gas to escape and ignite unexpectedly, posing a potential fire and injury hazard to consumers. This hazard can occur during the lighting or normal use of the lantern.

Wenzel has received 12 reports of propane gas escaping from these lanterns and igniting unexpectedly. Two consumers sustained burns to the arm and hand. One of the consumers also suffered burns to the eye.

The recalled lanterns are green and silver with brass fittings, have a glass

globe, and stand about 9 inches high (without the propane cylinder attached). The lanterns, when attached to the propane cylinder, sit on a green plastic base on which the model names "Ozark Trail" or "Wenzel" appear.

The Ozark Trail model has a double cloth mantle for lighting and the Wenzel model has either a double or single cloth mantle. The models involved are Ozark Trail 824927 and 824928, and Wenzel 824208, 824226, 824227 and 824401, which appear on the box in which the lantern came.

Wal-Mart sold the lanterns nationwide under the "Ozark Trail" label from March 1999 through August 2001 for about \$18. Sporting goods, camping equipment, and other retail stores nationwide sold these lanterns under the "Wenzel" brand from January 1999 through August 2001 for between \$18 and \$28.

Consumers with Ozark Trail or Wenzel lanterns should stop using them immediately and detach the lantern from the propane cylinder. Consumers should return only the lanterns to the store where purchased for a refund. Consumers also can call Wenzel toll-free at (800) 325-8368 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday; or visit the company's website at www.wenzelco.com.

The propane cylinder, which is not affected by the recall and is not distributed by Wenzel, is sold separately from the lantern.

Editor's note: To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01223.html>.

Oil lamps pose fire, laceration hazard

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

WASHINGTON - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, The Discovery Channel Store, Inc., of Berkeley, Calif., is voluntarily recalling 16,000 glass and metal oil-burning lamps. The glass on these lamps can shatter when lit, posing a fire and laceration hazard to consumers.

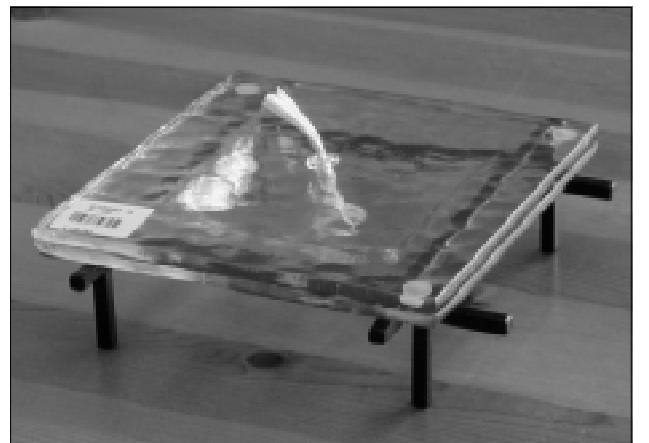
The Discovery Channel Store, Inc. has received four reports of the lamps shattering, including two reports of minor property damage. There have been no reports of injuries.

The recalled lamps come in two shapes: 16 by 7 inch-rectangular, and 7.5 inch-square. The top piece of the clear rectangular lamp has an opening for five wicks, and the top piece of the clear square lamp has an opening for one wick. The lamps have two stacking glass pieces supported by a black metal frame. The lower glass piece has a reservoir for oil.

Discovery Channel Stores and The Nature Company stores nationwide sold the lamps from September 1999 through July 2001 for between \$18 and \$24.

Consumers should stop using these lamps immediately and return them to any Discovery Channel Store or The

Nature Company store nationwide for a refund. Consumers also can call The Discovery Channel Store toll-free at (800) 752-1937 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit the company's website at www.shopping.discovery.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

The oil lamps pictured above and to the far left are suspected of becoming fires hazards once the glass shatters



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Command and General Staff Officer Course

The 4690th USAR school will be conducting Command and General Staff Officer Course, phases I and III, instruction to promotable Captains and Majors from all service branches. Instruction is conducted one weekend per month and begins on Oct. 13 till June 2, 2002. For more information call Lt. Col. Mike Alexander at 732-8778 or e-mail to AlexanderW@usfk.korea.army.mil.

LOGSA Products and Services Team

The Eight United States Army, G4 will host the LOGSA Products and Services Team visit to Korea from Sept. 13-20. The purpose of this team visit is to enhance current logistics operations in the theater by focusing on current and future logistics issues. The team will train in Yongsan on Sept. 14. For more information call 723-4396.

Ladies in Fellowship Together

Ladies, are you tired or feeling overcome? Come join us at LIFT on Tuesdays mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Hannam Village Chapel for a time of fellowship, prayer and bible study. For more information, call Missy Hamer at 749-2061 or the Hannam Village Chapel at 723-4523.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Registration

CCD registration for Holy Family Catholic Parish will take place at every Saturday Evening Mass and Sunday Morning Mass now through Sept. 16. For more information call 749-2153.

AWANA Club

Pre kindergarten to 8th grade are invited to AWANA Clubs every Mon. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the South Post Chapel. Sept. 10 is the registration night. Call 723-4706 for more information.

The Combined Protestant Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Protestant Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sept. 8. Breakfast will start 8 a.m. For those who would like to help with setup and cooking come at 6 a.m. For more information call 738-3058.

New Parent Support

BOOTS-N-BOOTIES: Learn about being a soldier and a mom at South Post Chapel every third Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information call 723-7391/738-5150.

Rugrats Play Group: Meets at Hannam Village Outreach Center bldg. #6107 on Tue. and Fri. 10-11:30 a.m. and first & third Friday at Hannam Village library.

TOT SPOT Play Group: Meets at Youth Services Gym Bldg. 4211, South Post every wed. from 10:30 - noon beginning Sept. 12

Child Birth Class: Starts Sept. 10 from 6 -10 p.m. at 121 General Hospital.

Korean Language Bible Study

Korean language Bible study is provided every Tue., 10 a.m. at the South Post Chapel. For more information call Myoung Bilbray Commercial 749-9109.

Celebrating legacy of diversity

By Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Carter

34th Equal Opportunity Advisor

Hispanic Americans have had a profound impact on the world. They have left their mark on all areas of life - from government, politics, sports and the arts. But what exactly does "Hispanic Heritage" mean? And just who can and cannot be called a Hispanic?

The 34th Support Group and the Installation Ethnic Observance Committee will sponsor a Hispanic Heritage Day commemoration ceremony Sept. 14 from 3-5 p.m. at the Naija Ballroom, Dragon Hill Lodge. This year's theme is "Paving the way for Future Generations."

Command Sgt. Maj. Herman Toro, 516th Personnel Service Branch Battalion command sergeant major, will be the guest speaker. The ceremony will focus on increasing the awareness and education of the diversity of culture in the Hispanic American community.

Broadly speaking, many Hispanic Americans ancestry can be traced back to the culture of the indigenous people called the Arawaks (Puerto Rico), the Aztecs (Mexico), the Incas (South America), the Maya (Central America) and the Tainos (Cuba). Most Hispanics

speak Spanish as their primary language, but not all of the Spanish-speaking cultures like the term Hispanic. The concept of the word tends to lump many diverse cultures into one big ethnic blur. But for the most part, the term Hispanic has become the most widely accepted "umbrella" under which all Spanish-speaking cultures are placed.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanic Americans today are identified according to the part of the world that they or their ancestors came from, including Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain, or the nations of Central and South America. However, there is no single word or phrase that can adequately summarize the rich and complex heritage of Hispanics.

The dictionary defines heritage as "something that is passed down from preceding generations; a legacy or tradition." Modern Hispanic culture reflects traditions inherited from Spain as well as from the Maya and Aztec Indians of ancient Mexico. It was influenced by black Africans who were brought to the West Indies as slaves and by the people who lived in the mountainous regions of Central and South America.

Over the past 150 years, it has helped

shape and in turn has been shaped by American life and traditions. Hispanic heritage combines all of these influences, while simultaneously adding something unique and vibrant all its own. It is present in the paintings of Pablo Picasso and in the graffiti art of young Chicanos in the barrios of Los Angeles. It can be found in the elegant music of Pablo Casals and in the sinuous rhythms of a Latin conga band. It is visible in the energy and dynamism of young leaders like Henry Cisneros, and in the serenity and wisdom of older leaders like Cesar Chaves.

Above all, Hispanic heritage is informed by an almost obsessive interest in the culture and events that have gone before. Ancient stories are passed from one generation to the next through "corridos" or story songs, and the murals of Mexican artist Diego Rivera portray legendary Hispanic heroes such as Benito Juarez and Father Miguel Hidalgo.

Today, Hispanic culture is exploding all across America. Hispanics now make up ten percent of the nation's population. There is a growing sense among some cultures that Hispanics are only the latest "fad," today's "hot" ethnic group, and that they will soon be replaced by something else.

Hispanic Heritage aids official in war against drugs

By Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Ana Maria Salazar considers her Hispanic heritage to be the "single most important factor" that allows her to be effective in stemming the flow of drugs from Latin America.

Salazar, deputy assistant secretary of defense for drug enforcement policy and support since July 1998, has been working in counterdrug law-enforcement policy for more than 10 years. Previously she held positions in the White House and the State Department, as well as serving as judicial attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, from 1990 to 1995.

"Latin America is clearly one of our priorities" in the drug war, Salazar said. "The fact that I can speak Spanish and that I have worked within these communities has made me much more effective."

Salazar said she has her parents to thank for her bilingual upbringing. She was born in Tucson, Ariz., and her family moved to Mexico when she was young. There, she said, her Mexican father and American mother raised their three children to speak both languages fluently.

"Any time someone is bilingual ... their ability to communicate is much higher," she said. "They have an advantage in working with people from

countries they have a cultural affinity for."

Salazar pointed out that many other countries put a high premium on speaking English. "Those individuals have an enormous advantage over their colleagues who don't speak English when dealing with Americans and others," she said.

The Harvard Law grad said her job is often frustrating because counterdrug strategies can take a long time to produce results. It's hard to measure successes in such a business, she said. But, she said she's heartened by recent shifting attitudes in U.S. policy makers.

"There's a consensus in this hemisphere that the only way to address the problem of drugs is to address it as a regional issue. This is a huge shift in thinking," she said. "Up until five or six years ago, our policy had a unilateral focus; we basically felt that we could

deal with the problem on our own," Salazar said. "Now we realize that crime is transnational in nature."

For instance, she said, drug cultivation might take place in Peru, production in Colombia, and transportation might take place through the Caribbean to the United States.

"Just in the transit of drugs, five or six countries might be involved," she said. "It's very difficult for one country to be effective against these organizations."

Salazar said she believes commemorations such as Hispanic Heritage Month are important because they allow us time to focus on the contributions of minority groups.

"But I also think it's important to highlight all those other areas where we need to make improvements," she said.

Salazar said education is the area Hispanics need to concentrate on the most. "Education is the one single area that can make the most difference in a person's life — what you can do, the type of effect you can have, and the support you can bring to your family and your community," she said. "There's a clear correlation between your education level and your life-style — on both sides of the border."

Editor's note: This article was featured in the 2000 Hispanic Heritage Month Observance. It can be found at www.defenselink.mil/specials



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Ana Maria Salazar

How much POV insurance should you have in Korea?

Capt. Eugene Y. Kim

Chief, Military Claims Division
U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea

Simply put, driving in Korea is not like driving in the United States. Narrow streets, an overabundance of vehicles of all types, and different perspectives on driving etiquette combine to make motoring in Korea a difficult, and sometimes hazardous, endeavor.

However, you can reduce your driving stress - and your civil and criminal liability - by obtaining sufficient personal injury and property damage insurance for your privately owned vehicle.

The Office of the Provost Marshall, U.S. Forces Korea requires minimum insurance coverage in the following amounts, and for the following contingencies:

- **\$50,000 to cover liability resulting from bodily injury or death of any one person.**
- **\$100,000 to cover liability resulting from bodily injury or death per accident.**
- **\$25,000 property damage liability per accident.**

In order to increase your protection from civil judgements and criminal prosecution, the U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea recommends that you purchase insurance in the

following amounts, and for the following contingencies:

- **\$100,000 to cover liability resulting from bodily injury or death of any one person (\$50,000 more than the minimum amount required);**
- **\$300,000 to cover liability resulting from bodily injury or death per accident (\$200,000 more than the minimum amount required).**
- **\$25,000 property damage liability per accident (no change).**

Korea has a special law regarding traffic accidents. This law is designed to encourage private settlements between injured parties and drivers at fault. Appropriate compensation (through insurance) to the injured party generally satisfies the requirements of the law. If a private settlement cannot

criminal justice system can be used to enforce civil judgements. Korean law holds all drivers to a very high standard. A traffic violation that would result in a citation in the U. S. may result in imprisonment in Korea - especially if the injured party is seriously injured or killed, and/or the driver at fault does not have insurance. However, Korean courts generally respond positively when injured parties receive sufficient compensation from drivers at fault. As a consequence, having plenty of POV insurance is a good first-step in avoiding the Korean criminal justice system.

You may be thinking, "So what if I am sued in a Korean court? I don't have any money to pay a judgment.

Military Justice, and service members may be subject to adverse action or criminal prosecution by their losing or gaining chain of command. Second, a civil judgement against you in a Korean court may, and probably will, be waiting for you if you return to Korea as a service member or as a civilian.

Third, if a federal or state court in the United States decides to enforce a civil judgement issued against you by a Korean court, which is a possibility, you may have to spend an enormous amount of time and money defending yourself from a lawsuit in an American court.

Hopefully, you will never be involved in a traffic accident during your tour of duty in Korea. But you need to make sure that if you are involved in an accident, you have enough insurance to protect you, your family and the injured party. Although obtaining additional insurance may increase your immediate financial burden, the extra cost is far outweighed by the increased protection you will have, and the added peace of mind you will enjoy.

If you have any questions, please contact the U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea at 738-8242.

Reduce your driving stress - and your civil and criminal liability - by obtaining sufficient personal injury and property damage insurance for your POV.

be reached, the injured party can sue the driver at fault in a Korean court. United States service members, civilian employees, dependents, and invited contractors are subject to these kinds of lawsuits. In addition, the Korean

I'll just PCS back to the States." This sounds like an easy solution, but like most "quick-fixes," it will not solve your problems.

First, failure to pay a just debt is a crime under the Uniform Code of

Jewish High Holidays

By Chaplain (Capt.) Ira S. Ehrenpreis

Jewish Chaplain for USFK

Even if I were the greatest poet, with a thousand quills, gallons of ink and miles of parchment, I could not begin to describe that awesome moment when, on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, we fulfill the commandment to hear the “Shofar,” the moment when the ram’s horn is sounded.

On the mornings of September 18 and 19, a precious moment of silence will be broken by the blast of the horn. The sound is so full of meaning! It reminds us of the ram offered by Abraham in place of Isaac, our Patriarch. It recalls the heavenly ram’s horn, blasting forth above Mt. Sinai, while a nation of 3 million accepted the Torah. The same blasts of the shofar that brought down the walls of Jericho 3500 years ago, was sounded throughout all Jewish

communities during 2000 years of exile. Shofars were even smuggled into the hell of Nazi concentration camps to be heard by Jewish inmates, men, women and children, as a last act of spiritual defiance before their martyrdom. Also, the shofar will be sounded in the “End of Days,” signaling the start of the In-gathering and Redemption of the Jewish people, when peace will rule over the whole world.

Here too in Korea, at South Post Chapel, the shofar will send forth its trumpet like blast, the message of millennia, uniting an Eternal People with the One Almighty God, High and Exalted.

Yom Kippur, the 24 hour fast follows Rosh Hashanah. We will leave behind the trappings of the physical world and enter into the Palace of Angels. Who can eat or drink knowing that on this Holy day all decrees upon the World and all

Mankind will be sealed? As our ancient prayer book states “Who shall live and who shall die, who by water, and who by fire, who will live in tranquillity, and who will be lost... All is written in Heaven on Rosh Hashanah and sealed on Yom Kippur.”

This year’s High Holiday Retreat will take place at South Post Chapel, Yongsan. Festive meals, and fellowship follow the Rosh Hashanah services, and before and after the Fast of Yom Kippur.

Join us in an experience that will stretch your soul from the dust of the earth, to beyond the stars! All are welcome. Blessings for a happy and



Chaplain Ira S. Ehrenpreis, USFK Jewish chaplain, sounds the Shofar.

healthy New Year, 5762.

Editor’s note: The author refers to several passages found in the Torah written in the original Hebrew.

Yongsan High Holiday retreat schedule									
Rosh Hashanah									
Sept. 17		noon	Festival Meal		noon	Festival Meal		9 p.m.	Fellowship/Sheshbesh
6:30 p.m.	Welcome/Greetings	5 p.m.	Bible Study			Tashlich		Sept. 27	
7:15 p.m.	Services	6 p.m.	Afternoon Prayers	Sept. 23	10:30 a.m. -4 p.m.	Korean Village		9 a.m.	Bible Study
9 p.m.	Festival Meal	7:30 p.m.	Evening Prayers			Yom Kippur		10 a.m.	Services
10:30 p.m.	Fellowship/Sheshbesh	9 p.m.	Festival Meal					5 p.m.	Bible Study
Sept. 18		10:30 p.m.	Fellowship	Sept. 26				5:30 p.m.	Afternoon Prayers
9 a.m.,	Bible Study	Sept. 19		4:30 p.m.	Meal Before the Fast			6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayers
10 a.m.	Services	9 a.m.	Bible Study	6 p.m.	Welcome			8:30 p.m.	Break the Fast
		10 a.m.	Services	7 p.m.	Services			10:30 p.m.	Fellowship/Farewells

Gyeongbok Palace



PHOTO BY SGT. HUH SUNG

A visit to one of Korea's royal ancient palaces

By Huh Sung

Hangul Editor

Looking for a place to visit that is full of culture and has impressive dimensions? Well, the Gyeongbok Palace surely can be the first of many cultural sites to visit in the Seoul Area.

The Gyeongbok Palace was built in 1396 during the Chosen Dynasty by its founder, King Tae-jo, and served its purpose as the primary palace for many kings and families. In 1592, the palace was partially destroyed by the Japanese invasion. Because of this the primary palace of governance was changed to the Changdeok Palace, while Gyeongbok Palace remained only as the home of the king. During the reign of King Go-jong the palace was rebuilt to its original grandeur. Upon its completion King Go-jong returned to using it as the seat of government.

In 1896, Japan invaded Korea again following the assassination of Queen Myeongseong Hwanghu in 1895. In February of 1897, the Gyeongbok Palace ceased to be the official royal palace.

In 1910, during the reign of King Soon-jong, the last king of the Chosen Dynasty, Japan colonized Korea and burned down the palace. As a result only 12 out of 390 blocks of the palace remain today. Since 1990, the Korean government has been restoring many of the buildings to its original extent.

The palace ground forms almost a perfect square, surrounded by four gates Gwanghwamun, Geonchumun, Yeongchumun and Sinmumun. Although less than five percent of its original structure remains, the 305,000 square meters of palace grounds are enough to portray the palace's grandeur size.

Within the palace grounds, the Amisan garden and the Hyangwonjeong Pavilion are examples of Korean gardening art, which is characterized by harmony between man-made buildings and the surrounding terrain, left in its

natural state.

In the west wing of the palace, the Gyeonghoe Pavilion stands in the middle of an artificial lake, attracting many tourists with its impressive surrounding landscape. King Tae-jo erected the pavilion on a man-made lake and named it Gyeonghoe, meaning and representing "a joyous meeting." Today, it is considered the largest elevated pavilion in Korea. The pavilion is built on a stone island supported by 48 stone pillars, sculptured with dragons. During Japanese aggression in 1592, Gyeonghoe Pavilion was burned down and was rebuilt during King Go-jong's reign.

The pavilion was used for royal banquets during the Chosen period and is used today for special government functions as well.

Geunjeongjeon, located next to Gwanghwa Gate, is considered the main hall of Gyeongbok Palace. Kings conducted state affairs, held official functions, and received foreign dignitaries in this building. High ranking officials, including military officers, assembled in this court to pay respect to their kings.

The throne located in the middle of the

building is a high-ceilinged, single room structure on a double-level platform. Formerly, there were three consecutive gates south of the entrance, between Geunjeongjeon and the city representing the king's power.

An impressive view is created by the harmony between Geunjeongjeon and the Bukhan mountain standing in the back. Geunjeongjeon was also burned down during the Japanese aggression and rebuilt in 1867.

The Gyeongbok Palace showcases another cultural interest besides the magnificent ancient buildings and structures. Inside the palace, expanding across three exhibition halls is the National Folk Museum of Korea which features aspects of both the traditional folk culture of ordinary people and the aristocracy. Life of the prehistoric and the three kingdom period and the scientific apparatus of Hangul are located in Exhibition Hall I. Occupations, handicrafts, costumes, house and foods are in Exhibitional Hall II and birth and education, weddings, transportation, folk beliefs and funeral ceremonies are displayed in Exhibition Hall III. It is also a forum for social education on folk culture through lectures and classes, which are



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Many foreigners visit the Gyeongbok Palace each day, and there are various opportunities to experience Korean Culture.

designed to provide a better understanding of traditional Korean culture.

In addition, the National Folk Museum of Korea is the only national museum in Korea displaying the history of traditional Korean life.

All these cultural exhibits are not far from Yongsan Garrison. It is best reached by subway number 3 orange line subway station, Gyeongbokgung(palace) Station. Entrance fee is 700 won per person. The palace is closed every Tuesday. For more information call the Gyeongbok Palace Office at (02)732-1931/2.



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Gyeonghoe Pavilion was built to hold banquets and greet foreign emissaries. It is one of the most famous pavilions in Korea.



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The National Folk Museum of Korea displays Korean traditional folk culture and in addition, is a part of the wonderful landscape of Gyeongbok Palace.




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The Hyangwonjeong Pavilion is an example of Korean gardening art, which is characterized by harmony between man-made buildings and the surrounding terrain.

Sept. 7 - Sept. 13

Sept. 7	American Pie 2	R	Fri. 6 & 8:30p.m.
Sept. 8	Spy Kids	PG	Sat. 2 p.m.
	American Pie 2	R	Sat. 5 & 8 p.m.
Sept. 9	Dr. Dolittle 2	PG	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Sept. 10	Dr. Dolittle 2	PG	Mon. 7 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bridget Jones Diary	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
Sept. 12	The Fast and the Furious	PG 13	Wed. 7 p.m.
Sept. 13	The Fast and the Furious	PG 13	Thu. 7 p.m.




"American Pie 2"

Starring
Jason Bigg, Alyson Hannigan

In this J.B. Rogers-directed sequel to Paul Weitz's 1999 teen comedy AMERICAN PIE, the barely post-adolescent group of horny kids from the first film reunite one year later for summer vacation after completing their first year of college.

Rated: R




"American Outlaws"

Starring
Colin Farrel, Nathaniel Arcand

When a Midwest town learns that a corrupt railroad baron has captured the deeds to their homesteads without their knowledge, a group of young ranchers join forces to take back what is rightfully theirs. In the course of their vendetta, they will become the object of the biggest manhunt in the history of the Old West and, as their fame grows, so will the legend of their leader, a young outlaw by the name of Jesse James.

Rated: PG 13



"Baby Boy"

Starring
Omar Gooding, Tyrese Gibson

From director John Singleton (BOYZ N THE HOOD) comes BABY BOY, starring Tyrese Gibson and Snoop Doggy Dog. The film picks up where BOYZ left off, following the daily life, relationships, and conflicts of a young man who's unemployed, living with his mother, with two love interests: his wife and his girlfriend.

Rated: R

Sept. 14 - Sept. 20

Sept. 14	American Outlaws	PG 13	Fri. 6 & 8:30p.m.
Sept. 15	Pokemon 3	PG	Sat. 2 p.m.
	American Outlaws	PG 13	Sat. 5 & 8 p.m.
Sept. 16	Baby Boy	R	Sun. 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
Sept. 17	Baby Boy	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Evolution	PG 13	Tue. 7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Crazy Beautiful	PG 13	Wed. 7 p.m.
Sept. 20	Crazy Beautiful	PG 13	Thu. 7 p.m.

The 2001 Soldier Show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is an 80- minute live Broadway-style musical review showcasing the talents of active duty soldiers who are selected by audition from throughout the Army. They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing. They are truck drivers, personnel specialist, medics, tank crew members, electronic repair specialists and infantry soldiers. The Soldier Show is funded with nonappropriated funds generated from business programs of morale, welfare and recreation with corporate sponsorships.

Between May 18 and November 19, the cast and crew of this year's show will stage 107 performances in 21 states and Korea. Listed below is the schedule of performances for Korea.

Sept. 23	Humphreys	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Walker	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Yongsan	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Camp Casey	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Camp Casey	4&7 p.m.
Oct. 1	Camp Stanley	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Camp Page	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Camp Howze	7 p.m.

Sports Briefs

PT Aerobics Class

MWR Aerobic Classes offered Mon. and Wed. at Trent Gym from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 723-8879.

Yongsan Lanes

Attention Youth Bowlers: Join the Young American Bowling Alliance. Bowling every Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 starting Sept. 8.

Attention Bowlers: The Yongsan Lanes is organizing a Friday Late Night Bowling League. This is the only ABC league in Yongsan. The league intends to start bowling on or about Oct. 5 at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Early Open League: Come to meeting on Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. Bowling will start at 6 p.m. of Oct. 9.

Attention Pee Wees: The Yongsan Lanes is in the process of forming the Pee Wee Club for the Fall Season Sessions. Each session is 10 - weeks. There is a test for smaller children.

Intramural Ten-Pin 'Slug Out' - Capture The Flag!: Build your best unit championship team and sign up at the Yongsan Lanes. The organizational meeting is scheduled Sept. 7, 4 p.m.

Youth / Adult League: The Yongsan Lanes is looking to form a new league, Youth/ Adult, bowling every Sunday at 1 p.m. Organization meeting is on Sept. 16 at noon.

Pot O' Gold: The Yongsan Lanes has a Pot O' Gold sponsored by the Heineken Brewery that you may have a chance to win. A small fee will give you that opportunity.

For more information call 723-7830.

Youth Gymnastic Classes

Youth Gymnastic classes are held at Yongsan Youth Services for ages 3 and up on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For more information call 738-3001/5036.

Yongsan Bowling Lanes

The Yongsan Lanes is in the process of forming a terrific bowling league for "Single Parents." If you have been looking for something to do with the children sign up for the Single Parent bowling league. For more information, call Mr. Bright at 723-7830.

NEO Warden Training Dates

Neo Warden Training will be held Sept. 18, Oct. 12, Nov. 15, Dec. 11 and Jan. 18 2002, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Balboni Theater. Dates and times are subject to change. For more information call 738-7226.

Chosun Gift Shop

The Chosun Gift Shop has received stoneware dishes from China. Limited quantities available. Chosun Gift Shop is open Wed. & Sat from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

IHO Community Healthcare Forum

The 18th Medical Command Integrated Healthcare Organization will be hosting a Community Healthcare Forum on Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. at the 121st General Hospital Command Conference Room (Rm 208). For more information, call 737-3045.

Army unseats Marines for softball tourney gold

By Sgt. Kap Kim

Special to the American Forces Press Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — It was a tough battle, but the All-Army men's softball team never let up on its quest for gold during the Armed Forces Softball Tournament here Aug. 15-17.

The Army team went 8-1 in play, repeating what the defending champion Marine team did last year. The last time the Army captured gold was in 1995.

Army head coach Chief Warrant Officer John Watts of Yongsan, South Korea, and assistant coach Sgt. 1st Class Luis Ortiz of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, built their team on a strong foundation of veterans who were previous gold medalists.

Their arsenal of poised power hitters and fresh, young infielders included return players Sgt. 1st Class Albert Kemp of Alexandria, Va.; Sgt. 1st Class Jim

Cabrera of Fort Hood; Sgt. Elmer Mason of Fort Knox, Ky.; and Sgt. Tyrone Avery, also from Hood. Rookies included Spc. Darren Poole of Camp Humphreys, South Korea, and Sgt. Jerry Surber of Fort Myer, Va.

"Those are the guys who brought us here," said Watts, in his first year as head coach. "It was a great team effort, and it took everybody."

The Army's road to victory was an empty four-lane highway except for an Air Force roadblock. On the first day, Army beat Navy, 26-14 and the Marines, 8-6. Air Force kept pace by edging the Marines, 14-12 and dumping Navy 26-11.

During evening games, the Marines beat Navy 18-6, while the Air Force handed Army its lone loss, a close 4-3. After that game, Watts, at a loss for words, said only that his team just couldn't hit that night.

Air Force head coach Jack Hayes, a retired senior master sergeant, credited his team's victory to a strong defense. He changed the lineup from the morning games and went with a rookie-heavy defense, which made up half the Air Force team. Airman Ryan Coe of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., earned the nickname "Vacuum" for game-saving Brooks- Robinson-like glove work at third base that helped lead Air Force to the win.

Air Force went into the second day undefeated, but Hayes' intuition led him to say simply that it ain't over till it's over. Events proved him right.

The Army came out rockin,' beating

Navy, 19-16, in the morning and the Marines in close combat, 9-7, in the afternoon. The soldiers came out at night and shot down Air Force's high with a 26-17 victory in pouring rain. The Army and the Air Force were tied with a 5-1 record.

Many of the diehard spectators at that point jumped on the Army bandwagon. The Navy and Marines at that point could spoil someone else's chances at

overall 8-1 record; the Air Force won the silver with a record of 5-4, the Navy 3-6, and the Marines with a record of 2-7.

The big story of the tournament was the all-out dominance of Army's giant, Kemp. Through one stretch, he launched eight homers in 10 at bats. He would finish the tournament with an impressive 12 home runs. Many spectators said it was his intimidation at the plate and his

absolutely towering blasts that won the Army the gold. However, Kemp was quick to say that it was all a team effort.

An all-star lineup chosen after the tournament was:

P: Navy Petty Officer 1st class John Bernhard, Jacksonville, Fla.

C: Air Force Staff Sgt. Scott Harris, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

1B: Navy Chief Petty Officer Bradley Hurst, Jacksonville, Fla.

2B: Air Force

Staff Sgt. Daniel Simpson, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

3B: Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Harold Koudelka, Norfolk, Va.

SS: Marine Corps Cpl. Robert Chute, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

O: Army Sgt. 1st Class Lester Daniels, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

O: Army Sgt. 1st Class Jim Cabrera, Fort Hood, Texas.

O: Army Sgt. 1st Class Albert Kemp, Alexandria, Va.

O: Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason Parker, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

U: Marine Corps Sgt. Frederick Bryant, 4th Marine Division.

The service sports directors filled 15 players for a team to represent the armed forces at the National Championships Men's Majors in Lawton, Okla., Aug. 23-26. Players were chosen for their prowess and their availability.

Making the cut were Avery, Bernhard, Bryant, Cabrera, Chute, Daniels, Hurst, Mason, Parker, Simpson; Air Force Staff Sgt. Anthony Patrick, Kadena Air Base, Japan; Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Cox, Monterey, Calif.; Navy Chief Petty Officer Brian Neal, Everett, Wash.; Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Todd Tapper, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and Air Force Senior Airman Jeffrey Whitaker, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Editor's note: *Sergeant Kap Kim is the sports editor of the Sentinel post newspaper at Fort Hood, Texas.*

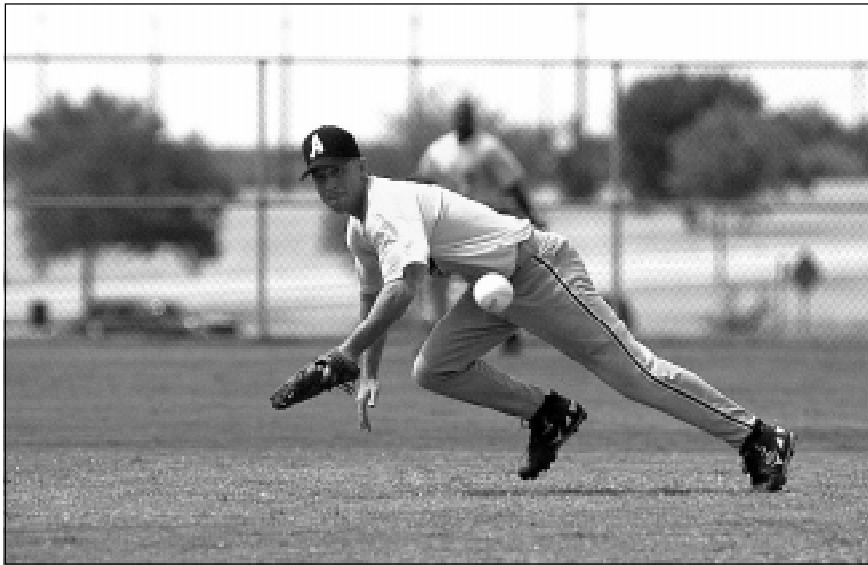


PHOTO BY SGT KAP KIM

Specialist Darren Poole, Army shortstop from Camp Humphreys, chases down a ball during a game at the Armed Forces Softball Tournament at Fort Hood, Texas.

winning the gold. They did just that.

During their last match up, the Marines downed Air Force, 18-9. That dropped the airmen's record to 5-2 and their shot at gold to slim — but there.

Army built a dominating momentum after the team's big win against Air Force that did not slow down for even one inning. Army beat Navy 18-10 in the morning. After that, the soldiers went back to their quarters to rest for what they thought would be the game that decided who would get the gold.

Meanwhile, the underdog Navy lineup put on a show and upset the heavily favored Air Force, 11-6. The Army's path to gold was clear and the Air Force could do nothing about it.

"That was a big loss ... that was the tournament," said Air Force second baseman Daniel Simpson, a staff sergeant from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. "I guess we just ran out of gas on the bats."

Hayes said the rookies who helped win the game against the Army the first night didn't have the experience to pull out of a slump that sent them through four straight losses.

Although Army cinched gold, the last match-up against the Air Force was important to both teams. Simpson said the last game was all about pride.

"You don't want to walk into a medal," Watts said. "You want to earn it."

So, the Army earned the win against the Air Force, 12-10. The Navy beat the Marines 26-19 in the other game.

The Army won the gold with an

Working to resolve quality of life issues Part IV

Editors Note: This article is a continuation of "AFAP: Working to resolve quality of life" issues from Aug. 31.

MWR and Family Support Issue #3

Issue: Newcomer's Orientation

Scope: There is a lack of command-support for soldiers to participate in the ACS Newcomer's Orientation. This is a mandatory requirement for in-processing that is not being enforced. Soldiers without this training fail to assimilate in the culture.

Recommendations:

(1) Enforce participation in the Newcomer's Orientation with command emphasis.

(2) Monitor compliance with a check and balance system

Issue Status: Active

Lead Agency: DCA

Response:

USFK Reg 600-55, Korean Cultural Awareness Program, Oct. 16 1996, states the following commanders will implement the regulation: Eighth United States Army, 7th Air Force, Naval Forces Korea, and Marine Forces Korea. The 5 part Korean Headstart Program is the standard for all components. Part III (para 7c) states commanders will conduct local area orientations for all newly assigned personnel within thirty days of arrival into the theater. Briefings may be hosted by the Army Community Service/Family Support Centers and include information provided by local community support staffs, Equal Opportunity representatives, Community Relations Officers or if available, local community representatives. Briefings will focus on Korean culture, historical sites within the community, procedures to utilize local transportation, and what support facilities, both on and off post are available to service members, civilian employees and their family members. The orientation is mandatory for all service members, department of defense civilians and highly encouraged for family members and civilian contract personnel. Commanders may modify Part III for exercise augmentees, as required.

EUSA Reg 600-55, Korean Cultural Awareness Program, March 19, 1997, states the Commander, 19th TSC will ensure Area Support Groups and Area Command Commanders develop a Korean Headstart Program in accordance with USFK Reg 600-55 and EUSA Reg 600-55. In accordance with para 5b(5), Major Subordinate Commanders are responsible to ensure all newly assigned personnel attend the ASG/AC Headstart Program and that there is coordination with ACS to ensure all newly assigned personnel, both military and civilian, have attended the Headstart Program within 30 days of arrival.

Memorandum Subject: Mandatory Programs/Orientations for All Area II Personnel, Sept. 21, 1999 states soldiers,

DoD Civilians and invited contractors (family members are encouraged) will attend Newcomer's orientation within the first 30 days upon arriving in Korea. AR 608-1, Army Community Service Center, Oct. 1, 1999, para 4-24, states installation-wide newcomer orientations will be provided and include information on the community and cultural adaptation and area tours as required. Where newcomer orientations are conducted at the unit level, minimum orientation content standards will be developed as well as a list of required participating agencies and information sources.

(1) ACS will prepare a policy memorandum for the Area II Installation Commander's signature and distribute throughout Area II. The policy will state that newcomer orientations are mandatory for soldiers and civilian employees and highly recommended for family members and contractors. The policy will further state that company/unit commanders are responsible to ensure their soldiers attend Newcomer's Orientation. Memorandum to be prepared and forwarded for signature by 15 May 2001.

(2) ACS will inform the Installation Commander after each Newcomer's Briefing of number of individuals who registered and how many attended Newcomer's Orientation. Company/unit commanders will be notified in writing of soldiers from their unit/companies who registered for Newcomer's Orientation but failed to attend. Process to begin the month after the above policy memorandum is distributed.

Employment and Adult Education Issue #1

Issue: Family Member Career Conditional Status

Scope: Currently, family members who are initially hired overseas, are not hired on a career conditional appointment as they would be if hired stateside. Overseas family members are hired using Family Member Employment authority which does not count towards the three year requirement to attain career status.

Recommendation:

Amend the laws that affect overseas family member employment to allow family members to be appointed on a career conditional status on the initial hire.

Issue Status: Unattainable

Lead Agency: Civilian Personnel Officer, CPAC

Response:

This action is unattainable at the local level. For family members who are initially hired overseas to be eligible for career conditional appointment overseas a change in Congressional law would be required. The Code of Federal Regulations governs the appointing of family members of civilians and military on the current schedule an appointing authority is used. As a reminder, those family members that PCS to Korea who

are LWOP already have a career appointment in the U.S. designated positions. Those family members who begin their Federal career while in Korea and work for 12 months have eligibility to be appointed on a Career Conditional appointment upon return to the U.S. Recommend that the MACOM research family member employment statistics to determine exactly how many family members have been appointed under schedule A for the last four to five years who otherwise would have been appointed using a Career Conditional Appointment if one had been available. Based upon their findings the MACOM would then determine the feasibility of forwarding the issue to the Dept. of the Army for further review.

Employment and Adult Education issue #2

Issue: Non-Military Personnel English Language Proficiency

Scope: Many employees on post, including those of the Korean Nation Housing Corporation (KNHC) speak minimal and sometimes no English. This creates a poor American climate as well as frustration when trying to communicate while conducting everyday business.

Recommendations:

(1) Require that standardized English language testing administered at the installation for all persons (for whom English is a second language) who are seeking employment on the installation.

(2) Establish a minimum qualifying score on both a written and oral test that cannot be waived.

(3) Establish monthly English training in the workplace for current employees where English is a second language.

Issue Status: Completed (1) and Active (2,3)

Lead Agency: Civilian Personnel Officer, CPAC

Response:

(1) Completed. KN employees are currently administered an English proficiency test in accordance with USFK 690-118, Qualification standards for KN employees, dated March 2, 1999, amended. Under a Memorandum of Agreement between the Director of Education, EUSA and the Director, CPOC, KN applicants/employees are administered the American Language Course Placement Test. The ALCPT testing is administered by a contract employee of the Richard M. Milburn High School. The MOA requires that only U.S. citizen English speaking contractor employees be used as test examiners. The ALCPT consist of two parts: Part I: Listening comprehension and Part II: Reading comprehension. There is no actual conversation/verbal testing. The listening comprehension is considered as testing for verbal skills.

(2) Active. To change the current English proficiency test requirements would require a change of USFK 690-1 and

USFK Reg 690-118. Supplementation of these regulations and/or issuance of local changes by subordinate commands are prohibited without prior approval. Recommend referral to USFK for action.

Employment and Adult Education issue #3

Issue: Better Education Center Counseling and information

Scope: There is a lack of proper counseling regarding continuing education.

Recommendations:

(1) Establish improved counseling techniques between clients and counselors.

(2) Provide a briefing for spouses.

(3) Provide form assessing the client's needs for counselor's reference.

Issue Status: Active

Lead Agency: DCA

Response:

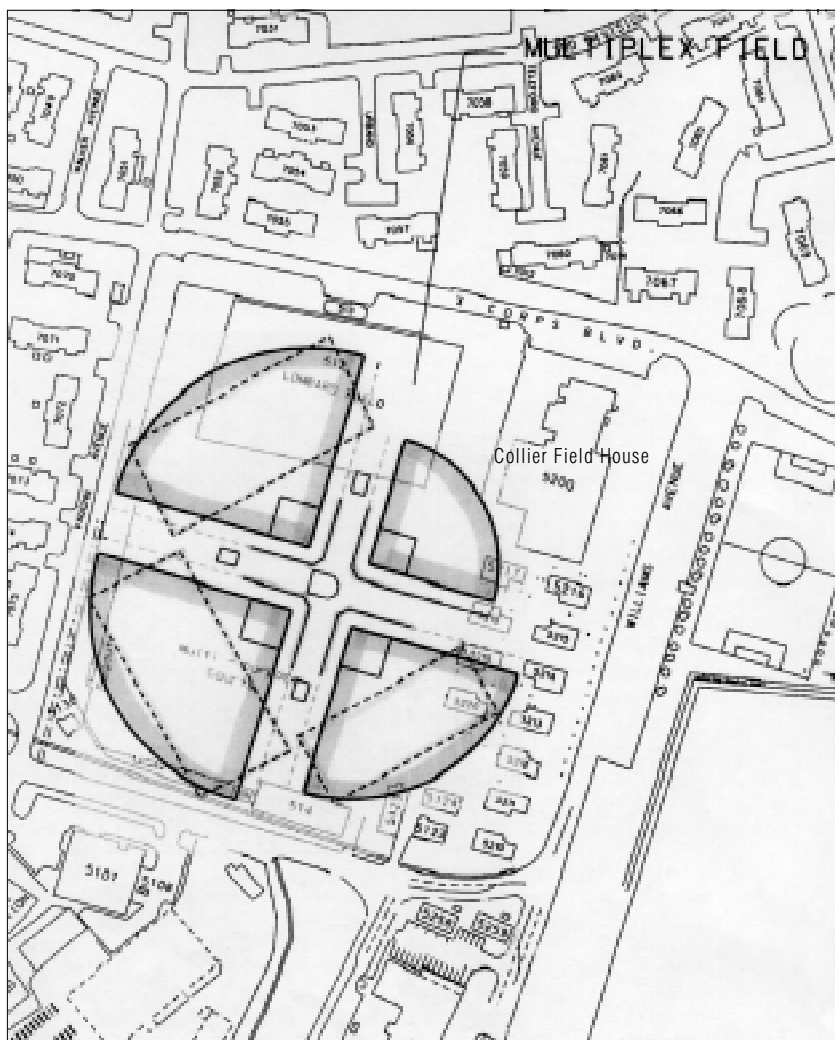
(1) Upon further review of the recommendation, it was determined that the concern was in regard to services provided by college field representatives, who are not professional counselors. Training was conducted with Army Education Counselors and college field representatives. The training covered specific duties and responsibilities, importance of effective communication between counselors, college representatives and clients, and the importance of quality customer service. Such training will be conducted quarterly or more frequently, if required.

(2) The Yongsan Education Division has requested and been approved to brief at the monthly Army Community Service Newcomer's Orientation, starting May 2001. Spouses will be informed of Yongsan and Area II education services and programs. Additionally, spouses will be invited to attend the more comprehensive weekly Education Center I processing briefings.

(3) The Yongsan Education Center does have an in-processing/needs assessment questionnaire which is completed by each newly assigned soldier and is available to all other clients. The questionnaire allows the client to reference several areas of need and includes room for written comments. The Education Center will start placing the questionnaires in the client's education record to help the counselor assess the needs of the client.

See next week's Seoul Word for more Army Family Action Plan issues and responses.

Construction projects plan



Sketch map above shows the location of Lombardo Field on Yongsan Garrison's South Post and how the new fields will look (superimposed over current layout) when the renovation is completed.

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does not have some sports teams such as baseball, football and swimming. Jeter indicated that the main reason for the lack of these sports teams is that there are not enough students to fill teams throughout the peninsula that would make these programs competitive across the board.

Other reasons included having the necessary instructional budget and facilities funding for such sports. There would also need to be consistent groups of schools for athletic conferences such as KAIAC and Far East festivals, and many of Korea's international schools do not want sports additions. Timing is also a factor.

"There was mention that after boys soccer, you have time in the year to run a mini-baseball team, but after boys soccer, we have two weeks of AP Exams," said Jeter. "SAHS has very good baseball players and there are very good soccer players...but the rubber's going to meet the road...they can't do both."

Concerning football, "the real issue of football is not in Seoul," said Jeter, "the real issue is who are we going to play?" Jeter explained that other DoDDS schools in Korea have less than 200 students total in their high schools compared to the SAHS population, which is more than 600. There have also been instances when Youth Services canceled games due to team rosters in Taegu and Osan.

"Do you feel like they have the chance to compete at the same level as SAHS?" said Jeter.

In addition, according to Rozzi, there is competition with Korean high schools, but the Korean athletic system is different from the American system with many levels within levels, providing further difficult competition.

The School Advisory Council consists of four parents and four teachers.

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Dr. Bruce Jeter

According to a memorandum from Department of Defense Dependents Schools Superintendent, Korea District, the goals of SAC are to support the DoDEA community strategic plan, to promote open dialogue between students, parents, teachers, and school administrators, to review educational programs and resources in use at SAHS, and to review SAHS programs and policies.

It meets once a month on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. If there are any school concerns or issues, contact the school office first. There will be similar open forums at Taegu and Osan. The next SAC meeting will be held Oct.9.

Medical Logistics System saves DoD big bucks

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — For years, defense officials have been saying that the department would reap substantial savings by adopting private industries' "best-business practices."

The Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support system proves the point. The program is a partnership of DoD, TRICARE, the services and commercial companies, said Army Col. Dan Magee, program manager.

The system brings "best practices" to bear on medical logistics. With these changes, DoD has virtually eliminated the large inventories that military

hospitals and clinics used to keep on hand. Further, DoD now pays the lowest prices for supplies and drugs of any large U.S. healthcare organization, he said. Finally, by using commercial systems the whole process of contracting, ordering and paying is totally electronic.

"We've reduced by over \$600 million the amount of medical supplies that we hold," Magee said. "We also have \$150 million a year in cost avoidance because we use these large central contracts."

Technology is useful, but was not key to making these changes. The big leap was in terms of business practices,

Magee said.

DoD used to have a unique system — its own depots full of medical supplies and its own techniques for moving information, he said.

"We basically switched to say, 'We're going to use commercial distribution techniques, we're going to put big central contracts in place to get the best prices for the products, and then let's put the technology in place that facilitates our users doing it — whether it's a hand-held terminal reading a bar code or whatever,'" Magee said.

The system works this way: A doctor sees a patient and prescribes drugs or supplies. The patient gets the supplies

and moves on. Later, a medical logistics technician inventories supplies using a wireless bar-code terminal that can automatically trigger orders for needed supplies. About 80 percent of all supplies arrive within 24 hours, the rest within 72.

The next phase of the program is in testing now and adds equipment and equipment maintenance to the system. It will be phased in throughout DoD in 2002 and 2003, Magee said.

The logistics system gives DoD medical beneficiaries quality products and guaranteed delivery, he said. By freeing up money, he concluded, local officials also can add healthcare providers and buy new equipment.

DoD seeks to expand new relationship with Russia

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The new relationship the United States would like with Russia will be furthered by eliminating the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty, said a DoD policy official Aug. 28.

J.D. Crouch, assistant defense secretary for international security policy, said the United States is not averse to arms control pacts, but will use them where appropriate and act unilaterally where appropriate.

Crouch, whose portfolio includes Europe, the former Soviet republics and the Balkans, spoke at a roundtable with the press.

The 1972 ABM Treaty is at the heart of the new relationship the United States wishes to establish with Russia. Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia considers the pact a cornerstone in U.S.-Russian relations. President Bush believes the pact has outlived its usefulness. Bush wants to establish a limited ballistic missile defense system, and the treaty forbids this.

"President Bush wants to move beyond the treaty," Crouch said. "We'd prefer to do it in cooperation with Russians. The ABM Treaty ensconces an

adversarial relationship rooted in the Cold War. It's based on the idea that there is stability in the ability of the United States and Russia to blow one another up. We think that is not an appropriate relationship for a new relationship with Russia."

The United States wants both countries to withdraw from the pact. U.S. officials believe the threat no longer comes from Russia, but from rogue states seeking to build ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction. To combat this, the United States wants to build a limited ballistic missile defense system that will defend the United States, its allies and U.S. deployed forces.

The United States does not want to amend the ABM Treaty. "One of the issues we're dealing with is that we don't have an architecture [for ballistic missile defense]," Crouch said. "We don't have a set number of missiles we want to deploy. We don't have a set series of technologies that we definitely know we're going to implement."

"What we do have is a robust test and development program that is designed to solve specific technical issues and present the president with technologies and deployment options he or a future president can decide on."

Not knowing exactly what a system would look like makes it impossible to negotiate any changes in the treaty. "We can't say today whether we're going to be defending with ground-based interceptors, airborne lasers or sea-based systems," Crouch said.

The United States does want to cooperate with allies in the system. As the treaty is now written, the United States cannot share missile defense technology with allies.

Crouch sees arms control efforts, counterproliferation efforts and the missile defense system as "complementary."

The administration is looking where arms control can be valuable and where it hinders U.S. interests. "This is rather than taking the position that any and all arms control approaches are, by definition, the way to reduce threats to the United States, to reduce threats to our allies and to cooperate with them," Crouch said.

The changing threat works against formal arms control agreements. He said the first Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty took 10 years to negotiate and covers hundreds of pages of technical data, protocols and annexes. "There's a sense ... that this will not allow us to make the kinds of adjustments to our own forces and, that we think the Russians would

want to make to their forces, in the timeframes required," he said.

Crouch said one of the best aspects of President Bush's program is the move away from a National Missile Defense program toward a system designed to protect the United States, its allies and U.S. deployed military forces. "I think that makes sense from a military standpoint, but I think it makes sense from a diplomatic and political standpoint, [too]," he said. "We really regard this ballistic missile threat as something not aimed peculiarly at the United States. It's something that can affect our interests almost anywhere. There was some sense in some European capitals that the National Missile Defense focus had an isolationist impulse to it."

He said the program's new emphasis gives the United States another way for the country to engage with allies.

"The [ballistic missile] threat doesn't know borders," he said. "In the near term, it is more focused overseas."

The Russians, European and Asian allies should have as much of an interest and concern in the emerging ballistic missile threat as the United States. The rogue nations are nearer their population centers. "We need to explore responses to those common threats," Crouch said.

New Reserve Official wants 'seamless transition' for troops

By Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - DoD needs to streamline the process for reserve component service members to come on active duty, the acting assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs said.

"I've been told there are 32 ways to come on active duty depending upon what organization you're in and where you're going and for how long," Charles Duehring told members of the press Aug. 30. Duehring is the newly appointed principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

"We've got to ... try to reduce that number with a goal of making it a very seamless transition," he said.

Duehring was discussing issues that face the reserve components during a media roundtable designed to introduce him to the Pentagon press corps. He said health care is another major concern facing troops transitioning onto active duty. These aren't new issues, but ones Duehring said need to be a priority in his office.

Employer support of Guardsmen and Reservists is also a serious issue. "... If you lose ... the support of the employer, you lose the Reservist or the Guardsman. If you lose the Reservist or the Guardsman, you lose your force. If you lose your force, you lose the war. It's as simple as that," Duehring said.

He said identifying potential

problems reserve component troops might have before an actual call-up is the best way to deal with them. "So we try to get ahead of those problems by finding out who the employers are, talking to them, explaining to them, you know, what is expected, what we'd like for them to be able to do, what's going to happen to their people," Duehring said. "We try to give them as much warning as possible as to when their people might be called up and how long they might be gone."

This is especially important because reserve forces are deploying so much more now than before the Gulf War. He mentioned that Virginia's 29th Infantry Division is preparing to deploy to

Bosnia, and that six of the next nine rotations to Bosnia will be headed by National Guard or reserve units.

Duehring spent 18 years in the Air Force, including two tours in Southeast Asia. He said he believes the National Guard and reserve attract "perhaps a different kind of person" than the active duty forces.

"These are people who still have close ties with their communities but feel a need (and) a desire to go out and serve their country," he said. "(They) have this loyalty to community, loyalty to states, loyalty to family, but for one reason or another just can't get involved full-time in the regular uniformed services."